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## Supervisor Ortiz-Velez to Call for Study of Hemp Cultivation

MILWAUKEE – Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez is calling for Milwaukee County to study if growing hemp in county greenhouses could generate revenue for the county through sale of hemp products.

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez will ask members of the Committee on Parks, Energy and Environment to endorse her <u>proposal</u> at 1:00pm on Friday, September 14.

Public testimony is allowed at the committee meeting, which will also be <u>live streamed</u>.

Supervisor Ortiz-Velez's resolution states that Milwaukee County greenhouses, located adjacent to the Mitchell Park Domes, "could provide an opportunity for studying the growth and production of industrial hemp, hemp seeds, and cannabinoid oil as a revenue source for the Parks department."

The cultivation of hemp has been legal in Wisconsin since December 2, 2017.

**WHAT:** Presentation of Milwaukee County hemp cultivation proposal to Committee on Parks, Energy & Environment

WHEN: Friday, September 14, 2018, 1:00pm

WHERE: Room 201B, Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th St.

**WHO:** Milwaukee County Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez